Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Red Hat Society officially formed in April 1998; and,

Whereas, The Red Hat Society, a world wide sisterhood now one million strong, has more than 41,000 chapters across the United States and in 29 foreign countries; and,

Whereas, Red hatters believe their organization adds fun to life over 50, which is invaluable to women in our society who have been exposed to negative messages about aging; and,

Whereas, Members of the Red Hat Society believe there is fun after age fifty, and, underneath the frivolity, believe women share a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes them next; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize the members of South Dakota Red Hat Chapters as they gather for their state convention on September 23-25, 2005, at the Crossroads Hotel and Convention Center in Huron, South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 23-25, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and congratulate these energetic women for setting a positive example for women of all ages.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State